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SUBJECT; PROPOSED VISIT OF U.S. TEAM TO DISCUSS

-- FISHERIES ISSUE

REF: QUITO 1075

FOR AMBASSADOR BREWSTER

1. OVER PAST WEEK DEPARTMENT AND INTERESTED AGENCIES HAVE  
URGENTLY CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE U.S. RESPONSE TO GOE ACTIONS  
IN FISHERIES DISPUTE STEMMING FROM APPLICATION OF NEW GOE  
LEGISLATION. AS DESIRABLE FIRST STEP WE HAVE AGREED ON  
SENDING TEAM TO QUITO TO EXPLORE CURRENT GOE ATTITUDES AND  
POSSIBILITIES FOR SOLUTION OF DISPUTE. SENDING TEAM WOULD  
NOT PRECLUDE OTHER COURSES OF ACTION WHICH WE MAY SUBSE-  
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QUENTLY ADOPT.

2. TEAM WOULD BE COMPOSED OF ARA DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BOWDLER, PRESIDENT'S DEPUTY SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR LOS MOORE AND OES DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY CLINGAN.

3. SUBJECT TO YOUR CONCURRENCE, WE PROPOSE THAT TEAM VISIT ECUADOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, PREFERABLY DURING LATTER PART OF WEEK BEGINNING FEBRUARY 17. IF YOU CONCUR, YOU SHOULD SEEK AGREEMENT OF GOE TO RECEIVE TEAM, AND ARRANGE MUTUALLY AGREEABLE DATE FOR TALKS TO BEGIN. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT INTEND TO BEGIN TALKS UNTIL ALL BOATS HAVE BEEN RELEASED, WHICH WE NOW UNDERSTAND COULD OCCUR BY THE END OF NEXT WEEK.

4. WHILE TALKS ARE IN PROGRESS, USG WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GUARANTEE THAT US-FLAG VESSELS WILL RESPECT JURISDICTION CLAIMED BY GOE. HOWEVER, EXECUTIVE BRANCH WILL REFRAIN FROM ANY ACTIONS OR STATEMENTS WHICH WOULD AGGRAVATE CURRENT SITUATION, AND MAINTAIN STATUS QUO WITH RESPECT TO ACTIONS WHICH COULD BE TAKEN ON FMS AND FPA, I.E., OUR POSITION WOULD BE THAT THESE SUBJECTS ARE "UNDER REVIEW." IT IS FOR GOE TO DECIDE WHETHER IT WISHES TO JEOPARDIZE ATMOSPHERE FOR TALKS BY MAKING FURTHER SEIZURES. IF ASKED, YOU MAY CONVEY THIS POSITION TO GOE.

5. BASIC PURPOSE OF TALKS WOULD BE EXPLORATORY, AND US TEAM WOULD OPERATE WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF EXISTING LOS NEGOTIATING INSTRUCTIONS. WE WOULD EXPECT TO EXPLORE OUR DIFFERENT LOS JURIDICAL AND FISHERIES POSITIONS IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY POSSIBLE INTERIM AND LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS TO CURRENT PROBLEMS. US TEAM WOULD ALSO BE PREPARED TO TAKE UNDER STUDY ANY GOE PROPOSALS FOR ENDING DISPUTE OUTSIDE OF LOS CONTEXT. INGERSOLL

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